

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2005**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Huizenga** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. David Law and McConico (2/19)

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Murphy**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meetings held on June 29, 2005 and June 30, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 5047** and **5048** before the committee.

HB 5047	Huizenga	Economic development; other; jobs for Michigan fund; create and fund the commercialization of competitive edge technologies.
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HB 5048	Huizenga	State; funds; securitization of tobacco funds; provide for.
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**Mitch Bean**, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation on the securitization of tobacco settlement revenue. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rochelle Black**, representing Oakland University and Automation Alley, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Brigadier General Donald Schenk**, U.S. Army (Retired), representing Automation Alley, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Jonathan Smith**, representing Wave Dispersion Technologies, Inc., testified in **support** of the bills.

**Vice-Chair Baxter** assumed the chair, the time being **11:31 a.m.**

**Mark Clevey**, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, testified in **support** of the bills.

**Chair Huizenga** resumed the chair, the time being **11:40 a.m.**

**Bill McMaster**, representing Taxpayers United, testified in **opposition** to the bills.

**Representative Palsrok** assumed the chair, the time being **11:45 a.m.**

**Bob Swanson**, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified on the bills, indicating a **neutral** position.

**Chair Huizenga** resumed the chair, the time being **11:50 a.m.**

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

**Tricia Kinley**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and **Steve Webster**, representing Michigan State University.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **11:54 a.m.**

**Chair Huizenga** called the committee to order, the time being **12:12 p.m.**

**Representative Baxter** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 5047**.

**Representative Baxter**, supported by **Representative Palsrok**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 5047**:

1. Amend page 10, line 8, after “**1963**” by inserting “**OR AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THIS STATE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Dillon (12/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Reps. Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Bennett (4/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Palsrok**, moved to report **House Bill 5047**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman (13/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Reps. Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (4/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Wenke** explained the intent of a proposed amendment to **House Bill 5048**.

**Representative Wenke**, supported by **Representative Palsrok**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 5048**:

1. Amend page 11, following line 9, by inserting:

“(6) Bonds issued by the authority under this act are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. The issuance of bonds by the authority under this act is subject to the agency financing reporting act, 2002 PA 470, MCL 129.171 to 129.177.”.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Dillon (12/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Reps. Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Bennett, Accavitti (5/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Palsrok**, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to report **House Bill 5048**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker (11/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** Reps. Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (6/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Pavlov**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives David Law** and **McConico**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:23 p.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

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